SUBJECT No. 286.

Levy of half the prescribed school fees in favor of the children of patels and shanbhogs.

Mr. Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Exemption is prayed for only in the case of the sons of patels and shanbhogs who get a potgi of less than Rs. 50.

Reply of Government.—Not possible at present.

SUBJECT No. 287.

Teaching Sanatanadharma in schools.

Mr. A. Ramanna, District Board Member of Mysore.
Mr. H. Subba Rao, Hunsur Tk.

Summary of discussion.—Principles of morality in accordance with our ಸನಾತನ ಧರ್ಮ may be taught in schools.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

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SUBJECT No. 288.

Supply of water in the Cauvery channels till the end of March, instead of till the end of December only.

Mr. G. Subba Rao.

Summary of discussion.—Owing to failure of Mungar rains this year, Vaisakha crops were raised late with difficulty. Consequently paddy, etc., will be sown later. Instead of stopping the supply of water in the irrigation channels by the end of December, orders may be passed to continue the supply till the end of March next.

Reply of Government.—Such a course will affect the hot weather supply in the river. The Government will await the results of the conference recently held by the Revenue Commissioner on the subject.

SUBJECT No. 289.

Stone-built channels for tanks.

Mr. Appaji Gowda, Nelamangala Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The present mud tank channels lead to much waste of water and are often breached. These channels may be built of stone and the cost recovered from raiyats in ten instalments.

Reply of Government.—Let the places where there is most inconvenience be specified, and the Deputy Commissioner will bring the matter to the notice of the Public Works Department.

SUBJECT No. 290.

Tanks kept free from silt.

Mr. Appaji Gowda, Nelamangala Taluk, and Mr. Anniah Pandit, Mysore.

1. *Summary of discussion.*—Tanks should be prevented from becoming choked with silt. Certain tanks in Nelamangala Taluk have silted up.

2. Silt tanks should be constructed.

Reply of Government.—Individual cases should be brought to the notice of Deputy Commissioners.

SUBJECT No. 291.

Repair of tanks and channels by the Government.

Mr. H. Shama Rao, Sagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Tanks which were restored some years ago by the agency of the Public Works Department are now silted up, consequently there is no room for the storage of water. It is therefore requested that such tanks may be repaired at the cost of Government. Even if tanks are full of water, the channels not being in proper order, difficulty is being felt in drawing off water from them. The raiyats do not attend to repairs as they ought to do. The channels should therefore be repaired by Government in the course of the restoration of tanks.

Reply of Government.—As far as possible when large tanks are restored, the repairs of channels are also attended to, but the channels are subsequently neglected by raiyats. Individual cases where relief is required may be brought to the notice of Deputy Commissioners.

SUBJECT No. 292.

Classification of tanks into *Major* and *Minor*.

Messrs. Chikramanna, Suryanaranappa, Sonne Gowda and Byre Gowda, Kolar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A tank is now being classed as *Major* or *Minor* according to the actual revenue collected on the lands and not on the whole atchkat under a tank. For example, the amount of assessment on the atchkat lands under a certain tank is Rs. 500. The tank being in disrepair, only lands assessed at Rs. 200 are in holding and consequently this tank is treated as a *Minor* one and no repairs are executed thereto. By this classification, several *Major* tanks are treated as *Minor* ones and left in disrepair. But if the method of determining whether a tank is *Major* or *Minor* on the entire assessment of atchkat lands be adopted, and necessary repairs carried out thereto, the revenue of Government will increase and the raiyat will be benefited.

Reply of Government.—This is a large question and will be considered in connection with the revision of the Tank Maintenance Rules.

SUBJECT No. 293.

Railings on the bunds of roadside tanks, ponds, etc.

Mr. Padmanna, Nanjangud Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Accidents frequently occur, by not putting railings to the bunds of tanks, ponds, etc., built by the side of roads. To prevent such accidents, it is prayed that proper railings be fixed on the bunds of such tanks, etc.

Reply of Government.—This is being done as far as funds permit.

SUBJECT No. 294.

Nala Manegars for tanks yielding more than Rs. 5,000.

Messrs. K. Ramanujiengar, Gubbi Taluk, Dalappa and Narasimmaiya, Anekal Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The raiyats fail to do the channel clearing and the earthwork to tank bunds in time. An enquiry had been set on foot some time ago to ascertain if the raiyats would pay an acreage cess of eight annas to get these works done by Government and some of the raiyats agreed to pay the cess, if Government would also appoint a Nala Manegar for the proper distribution of water. Year by year the question of the appointment of a Nala Manegar for large tanks is being urged for the consideration of Government. It is therefore suggested that the proposed acreage cess may be ordered to be levied for executing the annual maintenance work by Government agency and for appointing a Nala Manegar for all tanks whose income exceeds Rs. 5,000.

Reply of Government.—This will be referred to the Revenue Commissioner for devising some means of securing a proper distribution of the water and conserving the supply.